

## HOWITZERS ARE ORDERED TO TEXAS

Four Batteries of Virginia Field Artillery Included in Troop Movement.

## BLUES ARE TO BE SENT LATER

Department Officials Reiterate Announcement That All State Units Will See Service.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Secretary of War Baker today ordered the First Battalion and Battery C, Virginia National Guard, to proceed to the Mexican border at once as a part of a force designed to relieve 10,000 militiamen ordered home for demobilization. Nearly a score of other State commands were ordered to the border at the same time.

General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern Department, was instructed by the War Department to arrange as speedily as possible for the movement of the Virginians. The army quartermasters were directed to provide necessary transportation. It was stated at the department this afternoon that the Virginia artillerymen should be on their way South within a week.

**SENT TO BORDER LATER**  
The destination of the Virginians was left entirely to General Finston, commanding all the troops on the border. He had not advised the department today where he would send either the First Battalion or Battery C. The chances are, it was said, that the two commands would join the same division and probably occupy the same camp.

An effort was made today by The Times-Dispatch correspondent to learn the disposition of the Blues' cavalry, now in camp at Richmond. War Department officials would not say whether or not any plan had been made to send these cavalrymen to the border in the near future. It was stated, however, that the department expects to give all the State units a season of field service. This may be taken to mean that the Blues will sooner or later be sent to the border.

## OFFICIAL ORDERS NOT YET RECEIVED AT CAMP STUART

Reports to the effect that the Field Artillery at Camp Stuart had been ordered by the War Department to proceed to Texas, kept officers and men on the alert yesterday, but official orders were not received. About 11 o'clock yesterday morning the rumor reached camp that the Blues had been ordered to the border. Other stories followed, adding to and contradicting the first, until it was finally agreed that the artillery had actually been mentioned in a War Department order, which had not yet filtered through the strata of organization down to the camp.

A general order has been issued by the Department, explained Lieutenant Colonel Salomonson, commander of Camp Stuart. "We get all our orders from the Eastern Department, at Governors Island, N. Y. Now that the War Department has commanded the shifting of troops, the Eastern Department will direct the individual State organizations to move when it suits. It may be several days before we get the word to entrain."

"It really looks like the soldiers were going to get away," said Adjutant General W. W. Sale last night. "We haven't got any orders to go, but I don't suppose the War Department would give out the command unless it was the intention actually to move the troops."

The First and Second Regiments will probably not be brought back immediately. Most of the organizations being ordered to the border now are not of the infantry branch. We can't tell absolutely, of course, but I believe it will be several weeks before the Virginia regiments now in Texas are brought back.

## RICHMOND, NORFOLK, HAMPTON AND PORTSMOUTH MEN GOING

The Field Artillery named in the War Department order comprises the First Battalion, consisting of 10 companies, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, and AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.

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## 6,000 Guardsmen Ordered to Border

Virginia Field Artillery Among Units That Are Soon to Move.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Some 6,000 national guardsmen from thirteen States and the District of Columbia were ordered to the Mexican border today by the War Department, and at the same time Major-General Finston was directed to select 10,000 troops now on the border patrol for return to their home States to be mustered out of the Federal service.

Today's order will send South virtually all of the guardsmen now in the mobilization camps of the States named, and will leave only about 10,000 State troops in all the country that have not seen service on the border.

Within a short time the remainder probably will be ordered out, releasing more of the organizations now under General Finston's command. The gradual return and mustering out of all the guardsmen then is expected to begin.

The organizations ordered south today include:

Field artillery—Battery A, New Hampshire; Batteries C, N and J, Third Pennsylvania; Battery A, District of Columbia; First Battalion and Battery C, Virginia; Third New York Regiment; Batteries A and C, Alabama; First Battalion, Georgia; Batteries E and F, Connecticut; Batteries A and B, Michigan; First Regiment, Class Second Battalion, Minnesota; and Batteries B and C, Colorado.

Infantry—Second Florida Regiment and Third District of Columbia Regiment.

Cavalry—Troop A, District of Columbia.

Engineers—Company A, California.

## SHIPMENTS OF BREADSTUFFS

Increase of More Than \$5,000,000 for August, but Decrease of \$80,327,643 for Eight-Month Period.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—American shippers exported \$25,111,723 worth of breadstuffs during the eight months ending August 31, according to an analysis of August trade issued today by the Department of Commerce. That was a decrease of \$8,327,643 from the same period a year ago; but August exports of \$34,687,907 represented an increase of more than \$5,000,000 over August of 1915. Meat and dairy products exported in August showed an increase of \$2,000,000 over the previous August.

One of the largest export gains was in gasoline and naphtha shipments whose total for the last eight months was more than double that for the same eight months a year ago. The August total was \$5,000,000 greater than for August, 1915.

## GERMAN REPORT ON AIR RAID

British Naval Base of Portsmouth and Military Establishments Bombed, According to Berlin.

BERLIN, September 27 (by Sayville).—The British naval base of Portsmouth and military establishments near the mouth of the Thames and at North Shields, Lincoln and Derby were attacked by the Zeppelins which raided England on Monday night. The Admiralty announced today. The official account follows:

"On the night of September 25-26 several German airships bombed extensively and with visible success with explosive and incendiary bombs the English naval port of Portsmouth, fortified places near the mouth of the Thames and industrial and railroad establishments of military importance in England, including North Shields, Lincoln and Derby. The airships returned unharmed, notwithstanding strong attacks of antiaircraft guns."

## DIVIDEND OF 100 PER CENT

Second of Like Amount Declared by E. W. Bliss Company, of New York, This Year.

NEW YORK, September 27.—The E. W. Bliss Company, manufacturers of shells and torpedoes, has declared an extra dividend of 100 per cent in cash on the common stock. This was the second 100 per cent dividend this year. The company last year earned \$5,522,000, the equivalent of more than 435 per cent on the \$12,550,000 common stock. Since January 1, 1914, 1-4 per cent has been declared, including extras of 11 1-4 per cent each in March and June.

## THE CARPATHIA DAMAGED

Liner Returns to Dock After Sailing for New York, and Trip Is Cancelled.

LIVERPOOL, September 27.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, which sailed for New York yesterday, returned to her dock here today, and her sailing has been cancelled. The passengers will go forward on another steamer.

## DAMAGED ONE OF HER PROPELLER BLADES

NEW YORK, September 27.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, which returned to her pier in Liverpool today, damaged one of her propeller blades, according to advices received by the local agents.

## TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED BY HUGHES

President Will Handle Political Situation "Without Gloves" in Speech on Saturday.

## MORE ACTIVITY IN FUTURE

Chairman McCormick Optimistic Over Outlook From Democratic Standpoint.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 27.—Issues raised by Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for President, will be discussed by President Wilson here Saturday in his first purely political speech since his address accepting the renomination. Administration officials here to-night that when he appears before the members of Young Men's Democratic Clubs at Shadow Lawn the President will handle the political situation "without gloves."

It was declared that following Saturday's speech there will be more political activity on the part of the President. He has not fully developed his views on the Adams law, it was declared, and, in addition, is planning either on Saturday or soon afterward to speak on sectionalism, Mexico and the problems caused by the European war. A delegation of nearly 2,000 young Democrats is expected here on special trains Saturday to hear the President's speech. The public will be admitted to the grounds for the occasion.

Chairman McCormick came here to-night and discussed political plans with the President. He remained overnight, and will talk with Secretary Taft tomorrow morning.

## TO MAKE SPEECHES IN NEW YORK STATE

It was definitely stated that President Wilson will make one or more speeches in New York State. This announcement followed the visit of Mr. McCormick and of Samuel Seabury, Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. No dates or places have been arranged.

Mr. McCormick arrived here expressing optimism over the political outlook from a Democratic standpoint. He brought with him a large number of letters and telegrams from Democratic leaders in different parts of the country. He said the situation in New York State was particularly favorable to the Democrats.

Details of his trip to Chicago on October 19 were also taken up, but no announcement was made regarding it. In addition to discussing politics with Mr. McCormick and with Walter Lipman, of the New Republic, the President gave consideration to the appointment of several of the commissions and boards created by the last session of Congress. It was learned that among the men being most seriously considered for the Tariff Commission are Professor Frank W. Taussig, of Harvard, and William L. Saunders, of New Jersey. Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, was said to be almost certain of appointment on the shipping board.

## WILLIAMS TO TOUR MIDDLE WESTERN STATES

CHICAGO, September 27.—Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, today conferred with Thomas Walsh, manager of the Western Democratic national headquarters, on the progress of the campaign preparatory to beginning a speaking tour in behalf of Wilson and Marshall in the Middle Western States. Senator Williams issued a statement denouncing the alleged attempt of certain Republican leaders to inject sectionalism into the national campaign and denying that the South controls the present Congress.

## REDFIELD SEES SHIPPERS

They Consider Measures Against Overloading Vessels and Improper Arrangements of Bulkheads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, September 27.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield met today with representatives of American shipping concerns in order to consider measures against overloading vessels and the improper arrangements of bulkheads. It was decided that international co-operation in a set of universal regulations would be invoked. Stephen Taylor, president of the Naval Architects and Marine Engineers' Association; Alfred G. Smith, president of the Cuban Mail Steamship Company; and Homer Ferguson, president of the New York News Dry-Dock and Shipbuilding Company, were delegated to appoint a committee of seven experts who will review the situation and report back to Mr. Redfield.

Great Britain has made a survey of shipping conditions, and adopted regulations. It is expected the American committee will recommend these for universal adoption.

## TOBACCO FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Change in Regulations Will Allow Practically Normal Imports From America.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco which American growers have declared would ruin their business, and authorized imports on the basis of those in 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Consul-General Skinner at London called the State Department today of the change.

The original regulations governing imports of cigar tobacco between June 1, 1915, and May 31, 1917, were based on the amount that the importer had brought in 1915, a war year in which imports were small. The new order, according to Department of Commerce officials, gives authority for practically normal imports of American tobacco into Great Britain.

The tobacco affected comes largely from Florida, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

## NO SURFACE SIGNS OF GENERAL TIE-UP

Far Less Than 125,000 Unionists Respond to Call, According to Police.

## FEW ATTEMPTS AT VIOLENCE

Actual Situation Confused Because of Jewish Holidays, Which Are Being Celebrated.

NEW YORK, September 27.—Although labor leaders insisted to-night that the general strike of trade-unionists in the greater city in aid of the carmen who quit their places September 6 eventually would involve at least a half-million workers, there were no surface indications of a tie-up of the city's industries, as threatened, after announcement was made today that the strike had begun.

While the union leaders claimed that 125,000 workers in various trades already had joined the movement, with twice as many more ready to "walk out" tomorrow, the police said they had received no reports to substantiate any such estimates. The actual situation, it was said, was confused because of Jewish holidays, which are being celebrated here by more than 100,000 union workers.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, whose members were on strike, were encouraged to-night, they asserted, over the possibility of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers coming to their aid. Officials of that organization notified the Public Service Commission during the day that Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, had refused to see them and discuss alleged grievances of motormen in the employ of the Interborough, who are members of that brotherhood. Mr. Shonts declared to-night, however, that there were no difficulties between the motormen and the company.

## FIFTEEN PERSONS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

The grand jury today returned indictments against fifteen persons accused of rioting during the car strike. There were fewer attempts at violence today, according to the police, than for a week past.

Among the organizations which had voted to strike today according to those directing the movement, were: ladies' garment workers, 55,000; clothing workers, 10,000; painters and decorators, 15,000; carriers, 15,000; tinmiths, 10,000; butchers, 10,000; stationary firemen, 2,500; paper box makers, 5,000; milliners, 6,000; jewelry workers, 3,000; brewery workers, 6,000. Total, 299,500.

The leaders asserted that, in addition to those to quit work today, they would be able to call out 100,000 more for the next two or three days.

At the last moment it became known that T. V. O'Connor, national president of the Longshoremen's Union, had decided not to call out the 45,000 members of that organization today. It was stated there was serious doubt whether he would ask them to take part in the strike at any time.

The joint labor conference committee directing the strike met this morning to hear the reports of the union whose members had responded to the strike call.

## UKULELES POPULAR

Hawaiian Manufacturers Turning Out 1,600 Instruments Each Month to Satisfy U. S. Demand.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, September 27.—Old Bill Bailey plays the ukulele so ardently nowadays that Hawaiian manufacturers are turning out 1,600 instruments a month, whereas last year the monthly output was but a third of that amount. The Department of Commerce said today that the eight principal ukulele manufacturers in Honolulu had converted their little workshops into factories and were working at full speed. The American demand is so great that Hawaii expects to manufacture 35,000 ukuleles annually.

One company alone plans to put out 1,000 to 2,000 monthly. The originator of the instrument, a Portuguese, is now head of a big manufacturing company. But he keeps on working every day in his own plant.

## BADLY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Car Driven by Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton Turns Turtle, Seriously Injuring Several of Occupants.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., September 27.—A car driven by Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the Church of the Advent of this city, turned turtle today near the foot of Windmill Hill, on the Appalachian highway between Spartanburg and Campello, in this county, perhaps fatally injuring Master Cary Pendleton and seriously injuring Mrs. Pendleton and Miss Uta Sifo. Mr. Pendleton's two daughters and a little son also occupants of the car, escaped with minor bruises.

## CREW OF ZEPPELIN BURIED

Funeral, Which Is Held in Essex Churchyard, Is Semimilitary in Character.

## GREECE'S DECISION IN FAVOR OF ALLIES

King Constantine Reported to Have Surrendered Utterly to Entente Demands.

## ONLY WAY TO SAVE NATION

Both Army and Navy Shattered by Partisanship Arising From Continued Uncertainty.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) LONDON, September 27.—Greece has decided to enter the war on the side of the allies, according to news agency dispatches from Athens to-night.

King Constantine has surrendered utterly to the demands of the pro-entente leaders. The King is said to have made his last stand for continued neutrality at the cabinet council, which began yesterday evening and lasted for the greater part of the night. His wife, the sister of Emperor William, was by his side at the historic conference. The King's decision came only, it is reported, after it had been clearly demonstrated to him that entrance into the war was the only way to save the nation, as both army and navy are shattered by the partisanship arising from the continued uncertain course of Greece.

As a first move towards the bringing of Greece into the theater of hostilities, it is reported that the Kalozeropoulos cabinet will resign. A royal proclamation is expected momentarily in Athens. The chaotic political situation in Greece is indicated by dispatches, which state that the majority of the high officers of the army have gone over to Venizelos, the pro-ally revolutionary leader, who landed at Canea, Crete, today to head the army of rebels which has seized that island. In addition, an unverified report states that three Greek battleships, with all their officers and crews, have gone over to the allies, joining the Franco-British Mediterranean fleet. These vessels are said to be the Psara, Spetsai and Hydra. Four torpedo-boat destroyers also are said to have joined the allied armada.

## ADVISES IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF WAR

ATHENS, September 26 (via London, September 28, delayed).—King Constantine received this morning an exhaustive report from General Moschopoulos, chief of the general staff, detailing the chaos in the military organizations of the country caused by the departure of so many officers to join the Anglo-French allies and advising the immediate declaration of war by Greece without waiting either for the assistance or the insistence of the entente powers as the only way to save the nation.

Despite the profound popular belief that the country is facing the greatest crisis in its history, calm expectancy reigns in Athens. The Venizelist morning papers publish declarations, which the former Premier left to his department, in which he said the movements of national revolutionary, left purely national in character, and that he has no design on the integrity of actual government of the country.

It is learned that communication between the King and Mr. Venizelos has already been established through the former Minister of War, General Yannakitsas, and that the outlook is favorable for an early arrangement of the difficulties. The greatest blow King Constantine has received is the departure of Admiral Condouriotis, who, after the sovereign, is the most distinguished national hero.

## THOUSANDS OF INHABITANTS GREET VENIZELIS

PARIS, September 27.—A Havas dispatch says Mr. Venizelos arrived at Suda Bay on Monday night, and entered Canea, the capital of the day. Several thousands of the inhabitants escorted him in triumph, and he addressed them from the balcony of the barracks. There was no disorder in the city, the Royalist officials and officers keeping in the background.

"Mr. Venizelos has announced that he will send out from Crete in a few days a proclamation to the Greek people, explaining his attitude and the necessity of fighting against the Bulgarians. The committee of national defense will have its headquarters at Saloniki, probably under the presidency of Admiral Condouriotis. Mr. Venizelos will direct the policy and organize and extend the movement."

## MARTINE BEATS WESCOTT

Nomination of Present Senator to Succeed Himself Conceded by His Opponent.

TRENTON, N. J., September 27.—With returns lacking from only 146 districts in the State, Walter E. Edge had a lead to-night of 2,527 votes over Austin Colgate, his closest rival in yesterday's three-cornered primary contest for the Republican nomination for Governor. The vote was: Edge, 69,296; Colgate, 67,859; George L. Record, 25,954.

Former State Senator Joseph F. Frelinghuysen won the Republican nomination for United States Senator from former Governor Franklin Murphy. With only 142 districts missing, Frelinghuysen had 83,367 votes, as compared with 75,559 for Murphy, giving him a lead of 4,807.

The nomination of Senator James E. Martine by the Democrats for United States Senator to succeed himself was conceded by his opponent, Attorney General John W. Wescott.

Martine's vote, with 478 districts missing, was 15,920, while Wescott's was 21,586.

Stenographer Unharmed.

FREDERICKSHAVEN, September 27.—The Norwegian steamer Askeld, from Baltimore for Aalborg, before reported ashore at Lersol, has floated undamaged.

## Lee's Own Flag Placed in Museum

Emblem From Headquarters of Confederate Chieftain Is Gift of John F. Mayer.

At a meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, held at the Confederate Museum yesterday, General Robert E. Lee's headquarters flag was presented to the museum by John F. Mayer, of Richmond, and placed in the Virginia room.

Accompanying the flag was the following letter from the donor:

Richmond, Va., July 3, 1916.

Miss Susie Harrison, House Regent, Confederate Museum, City.

Dear Miss Harrison:—At the evacuation of the city of Richmond, April 13, 1865, all the valuable records of the adjutant and inspector-general's offices were packed in cases and forwarded over the Richmond and Danville Railroad to Charlotte, N. C., where they were stored in an office just below the old United States Mint Building. With these records was General Robert E. Lee's headquarters flag, which he had sent to Richmond to be forwarded.

Just before the surrender at Charlotte, N. C., of General Joseph E. Johnston's army the officials of the Confederate government had this box opened, looking for important papers. After they had been removed they left the attached flag in the box, and before the delivery of all the records to the Federal army I appropriated same to myself and brought it home with me, and it has been in my possession from that day to this. Desiring that this flag be preserved, I take great pleasure in donating it to the Confederate Museum, feeling assured that it will be well taken care of.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) JOHN F. MAYER.

## CONFER ABOUT NEW SHIPS

Problems Involved Discussed by Heads of Several Private Plants With Acting Secretary Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Problems involved in construction of the many warships authorized in the new building program were discussed today by heads of several private shipbuilding plants with Acting Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy Department, and chiefs of the bureaus interested. Questions of procedure in connection with the construction bids to be submitted next month were gone over in detail, and particular stress was laid on the necessity of completing the new ships within the time limit fixed by the department.

Mr. Roosevelt announced that, since the shipbuilders had declared speedy construction depended principally on prompt delivery of manufacturing materials, the department had taken up the subject with steel and other manufacturers, and had secured promises that preference in delivering would be given shipbuilding plants doing government work.

Because the shipbuilders are unable to secure all the insurance desired on vessels nearly completed before being turned over to the Navy Department, some plan of protection from loss in case of accident to the new ships is under consideration. Mr. Roosevelt said the department might decide to take over the care of such vessels in advance of their actual completion.

## EXPRESS TRAIN HELD UP

Gang of Robbers Ransacked Mail and Baggage Cars on New York Chicago Express.

DETROIT, MICH., September 27.—Michigan Central passenger train No. 14, known as the New York Chicago Express, bound from Chicago to Detroit, was held up by a gang of robbers near Dearborn, ten miles west of here, late to-night.

After stopping the train by disarranging the block system, the men unhooked the mail and baggage cars from the rest of the train and drove them down the track a distance of two miles. Here they ransacked both cars, including the registered matter in the mail car, and escaped after extinguishing the fire in the locomotive.

The amount of booty obtained will not be known until the postal authorities have checked up on the registered mail.

Several automobiles loaded with policemen and deputy sheriffs left Detroit for the scene immediately upon receipt of word of the hold-up.

## GERARD ON WAY HOME

American Ambassador to Germany Starts on Related Vacation, Which Will Last About Two Months.

WASHINGTON, September 27.—Secretary Lansing today announced that James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, was on route home for a belated vacation, probably to stay about two months. Secretary Gerard, of the embassy, will be in charge at Berlin on duty for two years. He left Berlin for Copenhagen with Mrs. Gerard yesterday.

## FALSE TEETH RELEASED

Consignment of 100 Dozen Addressed to Germany Will Be Returned to America by Great Britain.

LONDON, September 27.—In connection with the recent release for the return to America of a consignment of false teeth addressed to Germany, an official of the Admiralty said today that one of the recent seizures of teeth consisted of 100 dozen sets, some having rubber plates and others composed of materials supposedly needed badly in Germany.

## IRREGULAR WEDGE DRIVEN IN GERMAN LINES BY ALLIES

British Gain Further Successes in Thiepval Region and North of Fiers.

## FRENCH TROOPS ENTER ST. PIERRE VAAST WOOD

10,000 Prisoners Captured by English in Last Fortnight's Fighting on Somme.

## LITTLE NEWS FROM THE EAST

Berlin Records Repulse of Russian Attack in Galicia, With Heavy Losses.

LONDON, September 27.—The twenty-mile battle line running from the Ancre River to the Somme is rapidly being transformed by the great offensive of the entente allies into an irregular triangular wedge in the German line, with the bases respectively in front of Thiepval and west of Peronne and the point projecting across the Bethune road and into the St. Pierre Vaast wood.